# Kaera language

**Kaera** is a <u>Papuan language</u> spoken on the northeastern coast of <u>Pantar island</u> in the <u>Alor archipelago</u> of <u>Indonesia</u>. It belongs to the <u>Timor-Alor-Pantar</u> language family. Kaera is used alongside Indonesian in religious contexts, but Kaera is not used in education.

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## **Phonology**

All the information in this section is from Klamer's sketch grammar.  $^{[3]}$ 

### **Consonants**

#### **Consonant phonemes**

	La	bial	Alve	eolar	Palatal	Ve	lar	Glottal
Plosive	р	b	t	d		k	g	
Fricative			S			х		(h)
Nasal		m		n			ŋ	
Trill				r				
Lateral approximant				I				
Approximant		W			j			

Kaera								
Native to	Indonesia							
Region	Pantar Island							
Native speakers	5,500 (2014) <sup>[1]</sup>							
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ?							
	West Bomberai?							
	<ul><li>Timor–Alor– Pantar</li></ul>							
	<ul><li>Alor–Pantar</li></ul>							
	<ul><li>Kaera</li></ul>							
Language codes								
ISO 639-3	jka							
Glottolog	kaer1234 (htt							
	p://glottolog.o							
	rg/resource/lan							
	1 97 1 00001 007 1011							
	guoid/id/kaer12 34) <sup>[2]</sup>							

### **Vowels**

## **Monophthong phonemes**

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i•iː		u•uː
Mid	ε•ε:		2 • 2 I
Open		a•aː	

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## **External links**

 Kaera Abangiwang Collection (https://hdl.handle.net/1839/e21f8da0-eba8-461c-aaaa-d4f568f1 6675) at The Language Archive

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